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It's a concentrated vegetable extract. Best to take in the Spring, but works equally well all the year 'round.

CHARLES E. HUGHES

Will Probe Alleged Collapse of Airplane Program.



Charles Evans Hughes of New York, who sprang into a fame which carried him to the very portals of the White House itself as a result of his masterly and pitiless conduct of the famous insurance investigation 12 years ago, was named by President Wilson to direct the department of Justice inquiry into charges of dishonesty and malversation in the production of airplanes for the army.

SPEEDS UP AVIATION

Wilson Reorganizes Service Under Overman Act.

Centralizes Control and Brigadier General Kenly to Handle Craft After Ryan Makes Them.

Washington. — President Wilson's first act under the Overman bill has been to effect a sweeping reorganization by separating all matters pertaining to the operation and the production of airplanes from the Signal Corps of the army.

A presidential order specifically defines the future duties of Maj. Gen. George O. Squier, chief signal officer, who has had charge of all funds appropriated by Congress for military aeronautics; Brigadier General Kenly, director of military aeronautics, and John D. Ryan, director of aircraft production.

Major General Squier's duties are so defined that henceforth he will have charge of the Signal Corps as it existed prior to the time when military aeronautics became one of its offshoots. All the vast equipment and personnel identified with aircraft work has been removed from the jurisdiction of the Signal Corps by a stroke of the pen by the President.

These vast interests are brought directly under the charge of Brigadier General Kenly and Mr. Ryan. Brigadier General Kenly is charged with the duty of operating and maintaining or supervising the operation and maintenance of all military aircraft, including balloons and airplanes, all appliances pertaining to said aircraft and signaling apparatus of any kind when installed on said aircraft, and of training officers, enlisted men and candidates for the aviation service.

The differentiation between the duties of Brigadier General Kenly and Mr. Ryan is that General Kenly has authority over personnel and aircraft or aircraft appliances after they are placed at his disposal. Mr. Ryan has charge of placing the aircraft and appliances at the disposal of General Kenly.

It is stated at the war department that it will be "full steam ahead" now and that work will progress without feeling the effect of the investigation now in progress over charges of graft and wrongdoing in the past.

THREE SHIPS A DAY LAST WEEK.

Deliveries Added 58,850 Tons to United States Shipping.

Washington.—More than three ships a day came last week from the shipyards of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Ten steel ships were completed and delivered and fourteen wood and steel ships launched.

The deliveries added 58,850 tons to America's shipping, half as much as her total loss from the beginning of the war by Germany from submarines, mines and sea raiders.

SCORES DEAD IN T. N. T. BLOW-UP

Aetna Chemical Company's Loss at Plant Near Pittsburgh \$1,500,000.

WORLD'S NEWS IN MIDGET FORM

Long Stories of Big Events Told in Brief Paragraphs for Quick Reading.

ABOUT BOYS IN TRENCHES.

Progress of Hostilities on All Land Fronts, in the Submarine Zones and in the Up in the Air Battlefields.

WAR BULLETINS

Thirty-seven are killed, 20 of them women and children, and 155 are injured in German air raid on London and countryside.

French troops operating around Lore have advanced on a front of more than two miles and captured more than 400 prisoners.

Artillery activity is heavy on both sides all along the western front. Many minor engagements are reported, in nearly all of which the allies were victorious. They consolidated their lines at various points.

The capture by Australians of the village of Ville-sur-Ancres, northeast of Morlancourt (below Albert), with 300 prisoners and 20 machine guns, is announced in the report from Field Marshal Haig.

Rome stated the Italians captured two trench sectors on Mount Asolone, about 5,000 feet high, driving out the Austrians. Vienna declared the Italians were repulsed in hand to hand fighting on both Asolone and Pertica, another 5,000 foot peak, three miles from the first named. It is expected the principal force of the Austrian offensive will be felt in this vicinity.

There are six Germans to the yard on the greater part of the Franco-Belgian front, from the North sea to the Oise, according to the Paris Gaulois, which bases the statement on the information it reports having reached the general staff that 150 German divisions are situated in this area.

WASHINGTON

The house passed a bill permitting national banks to contribute as banks to the American Red Cross fund. The vote was 194 to 70, but there was much opposition.

The government put a price of \$250 on the head of Jeremiah A. O'Leary, who failed to appear in court to answer to charges of obstructing the draft. A nation wide search was ordered.

President Wilson issued an order taking military aeronautics from under the control of the Signal Corps.

President Wilson probably will fix a time at which war revenue bills will be passed, since Congress leaders were unable to agree upon when to consider the measures.

House leaders move to investigate Creel committee from top to bottom to learn if its war propaganda is poisoning minds of people.

Secretary Daniels selects the names of heroes of the War of 1812, the Civil War and the war with Spain for 14 torpedo boat destroyers now nearing completion.

Alien enemy women are barred from the New York piers.

Secretary McAdoo authorized railroads to expend \$397,961,318 this year for improvements.

President Wilson came to the rescue of the American farmer. Availing himself of the full powers of the national defense act, the President by proclamation placed under strict government control the importation, manufacture, storage and distribution of all farm equipment.

Charles A. Otis, president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, was appointed by the War Industries Board to make a survey of the nation's industrial resources.

GENERAL

President Wilson signed the bill providing for the registering of men who have become twenty-one since the first selective draft law.

The United States Shoe Machinery Company won its case in the United States Supreme Court against the government's anti-trust action.

Charles E. Hughes began his inquiry into air craft matters with a conference at Washington, at which his procedure was mapped out.

Airplanes as large as those now in use at the front now are being built for the New York-Philadelphia-Washington air mail service.

A speech by President Wilson in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and a great pageant in Fifth Avenue officially opened the Red Cross campaign for \$100,000,000. Mr. Wilson in his address advocated an army of more than 5,000,000 if necessary to obtain a just peace and announced great applause that he still has as firm faith in Russia as he has in France.

The war will add a sadder touch to commencement exercises in the American colleges, according to announcements sent out by Yale, Columbia and Annapolis.

Two thousand Yale students, in uniforms of army and navy training units, terrorize New Haven in the worst outbreak of rowdism in the history of the university.

Women of society have organized a trade show in New York at which War-Savings Stamps will be traded for old gold and silver valuables.

Formal incorporation of the \$35,000,000 company that is to represent the merger of practically all the express companies of the country now merely awaits the formal approval of the plan by Director General McAdoo.

The senate passed the rivers and harbors bill appropriation of \$21,571,900.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, in convention in Pittsburgh, passed two important resolutions, one opposing the passing of the prohibition amendment and the other favoring the granting of suffrage to women.

Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross, returns from the front to take charge of the drive for \$100,000,000 for the fund.

President Ban B. Johnson of the American League appeals to Charles M. Schwab to prevent ball players in the draft evading military duty by securing employment at shipyards.

German-American War.

American flyers wrest supremacy of the air from Germans on the Toul sector, bringing down so many Huns they now flee at approach of American machines.

American troops repulse two raids in Lorraine and one in Picardy, besides being victorious in several air encounters in the Woivre region.

General Pershing's force in France now ranks third in trench mileage, holding more line than the Belgians.

American troops are being rushed to France far ahead of schedule, which has led the war department to forecast that there will be in excess of 2,000,000 men in General Pershing's army by the end of the year.

The navy department announced that the American cargo carrier Neches was torpedoed and sunk May 15 without loss of life.

Death rate at the National Army and National Guard camps last week was the lowest since November. The total deaths were 102.

Orders by the government for 250,000 cigars for the American troops were received by Springfield, Mass., and other small cigar manufacturers in the state.

Investigation is being made at Pensacola into the burning of an airplane at the Navy Instruction School.

SPORTING

Harry Wills defeated the veteran Sam Langford in seven rounds at Panama. Langford's seconds threw up the sponge to save the negro from further punishment. This is the second time Wills has beaten Langford within a few months.

The national capital had Sunday baseball for the first time, the Washington team winning a 12 inning game from Cleveland by 1 to 0 in the presence of 15,000 fans.

Vassar College girls beat two records in their annual track and field games.

The Detroit pitchers have been going along well this season, but the team has not been hitting up to its normal standard. That explains its position in the race.

The Tigers, and Ty Cobb in particular, are satisfied that base stealing is a hazardous proposition with Truck Horns behind the bat.

Dyer of the Tigers is a sensational performer in the field.

The American League race is a hummer, and the knackers have taken it on the run.

Frank Baker is hitting like he did when he covered third base for the once champion Athletics.

Talcott of Yale pitched fine ball against Harvard when he fanned ten of the Crimson and allowed only two hits.

FOREIGN

New leaders, less revolutionary in character than those under arrest, have taken control of the Sinn Fein, the substitutes having been chosen in advance. No new outbreaks in Ireland are reported.

France informs Switzerland that if she ratifies the commercial and economic treaty with Germany France will withdraw the proffer of \$5,000 of coal monthly.

Maj. Raoul Lufbery, regarded as the best aviator in the American air service, was shot down in flames and killed by a big German triplane which he was attacking.

M. Joffe, Bolshevik envoy at Berlin, still defies the Kaiser by flying the red flag over his diplomatic quarters.

Bavarian tobacco stock will be exhausted by May 31. More stringent tobacco rationing will be enforced.

Full accounts have been received in London of a recent battle between German tanks and British in which the Germans came out second best.

German newspapers emphasize the discontentment prevalent over the cut in bread rations because of failure of Ukraine deliveries.

French and Italian forces in Macedonia advanced 12½ miles at one point last week.

Fire from unknown origin destroyed the warehouse of the Columbia Gramophone Company in London. The loss is \$150,000.

PRESIDENT LEADS RED CROSS PARADE

Thrills Thousands as He Unexpectedly Joins Marchers in New York City.

MORE THAN 70,000 IN LINE.

Declares His Purpose to Stand by Russia as Well as France—Wants No Limit of Men—Crowd Cheers President's Statement.

New York.—More dramatic and thrilling than any demonstration witnessed in this city since the war began was the unexpected appearance of Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, at the head of the Red Cross parade in Fifth avenue. Scheduled to review the procession from the grand stand, the President, without making his plan known beforehand, went to the head of the parade at the last moment, and for a distance of two miles appeared before the eyes of cheering multitudes as the most conspicuous figure of a soul stirring spectacle. If he risked all the hazards involved in such a procedure, he gripped the heart of the city through the courage and strength of conviction which led him to adopt such a method of proclaiming that the cause of the Red Cross was his cause and the nation's cause.

The cheers that rang out to him as he tramped down Fifth avenue, a daring figure in the foreground of the 70,000 persons who followed him, were cheers of such deep admiration that their meaning could not be mistaken. On every side, in the throngs of men and women who gazed at him with sparkling eyes, there was the manifest conviction that "he had the country with him." Bowing frequently to the right and left, President Wilson appeared by the expression of enthusiasm and pleasure on his face to find the experience every bit as thrilling as did the spectators.

President Wilson, who in the evening opened the Red Cross drive at the Metropolitan Opera House with a stirring appeal for generous contributions, said incidentally that he had tested "peace approaches" which had been made and that he had found them to be "insincere."

He said that all such peace approaches contained a reservation and required "a free hand" in the east.

He was cheered when he said that the United States intended to stand by Russia as well as France.

The President's words on the subject of the testing of peace proposals were as follows:

"And we are not to be diverted from the grim purpose of winning the war by any insincere approaches upon the subject of peace. I can say with a clear conscience that I have tested those intimations and have found them insincere. I now recognize them for what they are, an opportunity to have a free hand, particularly in the east, to carry out the purposes of conquest and exploitation. Every proposal with regard to accommodation in the west involves a reservation with regard to the east. Now, so far as I am concerned, I intend to stand by Russia as well as by France."

Of all the passages in the President's speech the one most applauded was the following:

"I have heard gentlemen recently say that we must get 5,000,000 men ready. Why limit it to 5,000,000?"

There was some applause when the President said a little later:

"If they wish peace let them come forward and lay their terms upon the table. We have laid ours, and they know what they are."

The audience was composed of distinguished men and women, most of whom have been leaders in the work of the Red Cross.

PITH OF THE WAR NEWS

The sky along the British front in Flanders is literally alive with air fleets in combats to the death. The Germans are making desperate efforts to determine the British positions preceding the Hun offensive.

The French advanced along a two mile front under cover of night and captured 400 Germans, according to an official report.

General Semenov's army joins with Chinese and is marching against Chita, in Trans-Baikal.

U boats again have begun unrestricted warfare on Norwegian fishing boats in the Arctic.

Australians made a successful raid on the Amiens front, recapturing the village of Ville-sur-Ancres, south of Albert, capturing 300 prisoners and 20 machine guns and improving the British positions. Gains were also made north of Albert and near Hamel, on this front, and southwest of Meteren, in the Ypres sector.

German losses in the recent offensive have reached the enormous total of 50 to 75 per cent, according to figures compiled by the British intelligence department. According to the statement whole regiments were all but annihilated.

HENRY P. DAVISON

Says Peace by Terror Is For a Aim as He Slay and Maim.



Henry P. Davison, head of the Red Cross, returned from France, says the Germans have failed utterly in their efforts to break the spirit of the allies by aerial raids on unfortified cities. He says American troops have won the admiration of Europe by their dash and bravery.

AIR RAIDS ON LONDON

Five German Machines With Their Crews Were Destroyed.

German Bombs Injure 155 Persons in the City and Six in the Provinces.

London.—After six weeks of immunity from raids, the Germans made a particularly determined attempt on London. There was a half moon in a clear, windless sky. These are the conditions in which practically every raid has been carried out.

Thirty-seven persons were killed and 155 injured in the London area. Six persons were injured in the provinces. The casualties were divided as follows:

London and the metropolitan district—Killed, 17 men, 14 women and 6 children; injured, 83 men, 49 women and 23 children. Provinces—Injured, 2 men, 3 women and 1 child. Considerable property damage is reported.

The usual warnings were given and people had time to reach shelters before the London guns were heard. The firing was continuous for almost two hours. Most of the raiders flew at a height of about 12,000 feet, but the hum of enemy motors was audible on the streets. More deaths and injuries were caused than in any raid except that of January 28, when 58 were killed and 173 injured. This was the sixth raid this year, the last one previously having taken place on March 7.

One hears of wonderful escapes, as where a bomb struck a hotel where 80 girls live, but as they had all gone down into the cellars not one was hurt, although the house was wrecked. No place of military importance was struck. No military damage was done. Besides the four German machines first announced as having been destroyed in the raid, a fifth was brought down and fell flaming into the sea. Two others are also reported to have fallen at sea.

NO "CITY DUDES" FOR FARMS.

House Members Vote Down Plan to Exempt 1,000 Men From Draft.

Washington.—A request by Secretary of Agriculture Houston to have 1,000 young men exempted from the draft so they could act as "agricultural instructors" was turned down by the house. It insisted no more "bomb-proof jobs" should be created. Rural members ridiculed the whole idea of having "city dudes" instruct farmers on how to increase the products of their farms.

\$937,961,318 RAILROAD BUDGET.

Director General McAdoo Cut \$349,247,828 From Estimates.

Washington.—Director General McAdoo announced budgets of \$937,961,318 for 1918 to put the railroads in condition to meet the enormous, growing demands of the war. Of this amount \$479,686,531 is for equipment, \$140,071,013 for additions and betterments, and \$318,203,774 for extensions.

The various roads asked for \$1,287,209,146, but the director general cut this down by \$349,247,828.